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Lesson 23 Vocabulary Words

Directions: Define each word and include the part of speech. Write a sentence for each word on the back of this page.

1. allude
2. aver
3. cantata
4. collusion
5. diaphanous
6. incantation
7. ludicrous
8. prelude
9. verify
10. verity

Lesson 23 Exercises

A musical composition, particularly a religious work from the 17th or 18th century, for one or more voices accompanied by instruments.

- During the Baroque era, composers like Telemann composed sacred by the hundreds.

(1) A use of spells or verbal charms spoken or sung as part of a ritual of magic. (2) A formula of words used in, or as if in, such a ritual.

- He repeated the words like an : "The only way! The only way! The only way!"

To refer broadly or indirectly.

- She liked to constantly to her glamorous past without ever filling in the details.

A secret agreement or conspiracy for an illegal or deceptive purpose.

- Cuban cigars have continued to be smoked in this country in spite of the embargo against them because of between Cuban cigar makers and American smugglers.

Laughable because of clear absurdity, falseness, or foolishness.

- At the rodeo, the antics of the clown distract the angry bull and entertain the crowd.

A performance, action, event, or piece of music that precedes and prepares for the more important thing that follows.

- The sound of a symphony orchestra tuning up is the to a night of music.

(1) Transparent. (2) Insubstantial or vague.

- The ballerinas of Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake* wore costumes that seemed to float.

To state positively as true; declare.

- The defendant that she was nowhere near the scene of the crime on the night in question.

(1) To prove to be true or correct. (2) To check or test the accuracy of.

- It is the bank teller's job to the signature on a check.

A true fact or statement.

● Ben Franklin's statement that "in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes" is held as a by many.

A. Fill in each blank with the correct letter:

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| a. phenomenon | e. diaphanous |
| b. aver | f. verity |
| c. phantasmagoria | g. phantasm |
| d. verify | h. verisimilitude |
1. They had never before seen a natural _____ like the boiling lake.
 2. A week after his mother's death, he saw her _____ beckoning to him from the dock at dusk.
 3. The prosecutor expected the witness to _____ that the suspect was guilty.
 4. Realists in art and literature work to achieve _____ as they sense it.
 5. Each candle was surrounded by the _____ fluttering wings of moths.
 6. The Mardi Gras parade was a _____ of bizarre images too numerous to even take in.
 7. She was never able to _____ anything he had told her.

A. Choose the closest definition:

1. descant a. climb downward b. added melody
 c. supposed inability d. writing table
2. allude a. play b. detract c. avoid d. refer
3. incantation a. ritual chant b. ceremony c. solemn march
 d. recorded song
4. prelude a. aftermath b. conclusion c. introduction
 d. admission
5. cantata a. snack bar b. pasta dish c. sung composition
 d. farewell gesture
6. ludicrous a. tough b. laughable c. simple d. ugly
7. cantor a. singer b. refusal c. traitor d. gallop
8. collusion a. accidental crash b. illegal cooperation
 c. new material d. magic spell

B. Indicate whether the following pairs of words have the same or different meanings:

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| 1. ludicrous / deceptive | same ____ / different ____ |
| 2. incantation / sacred dance | same ____ / different ____ |
| 3. prelude / introduction | same ____ / different ____ |
| 4. descant / enchant | same ____ / different ____ |
| 5. allude / begin | same ____ / different ____ |
| 6. cantata / sonata | same ____ / different ____ |
| 7. cantor / conductor | same ____ / different ____ |
| 8. collusion / smuggling | same ____ / different ____ |